

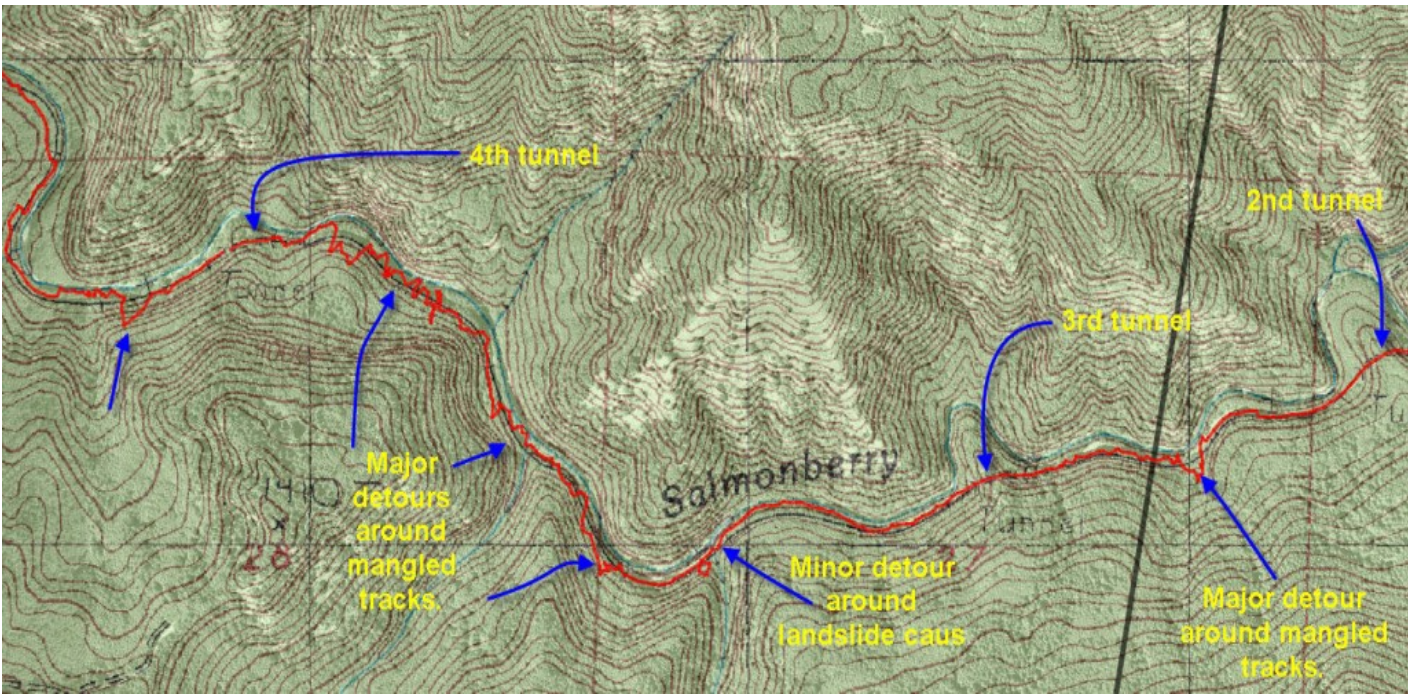
Lower Salmonberry

Part 3: From Tunnel 29 to Tunnel 32



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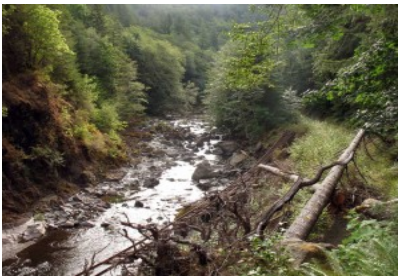
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TRAIL LOG



The trail passes through Tunnel 29, emerging into a continuation of the narrow valley down which the Salmonberry flows. About 0.34 miles from the tunnel, there will be a major logjam that has eroded the Southern embankment. At 0.75 miles, the trail leads to Tunnel 30.



Approximately 0.5 miles from the tunnel exit, the trail will cross Bathtub Creek, which has formed a kind of rock strewn delta populated with waist high alders. Needless to say, the railroad was swept into the river at this point. Blue arrows help as a guide through the rocky foliage. Just past Bathtub Creek, the narrow defile turns in a Northwesterly direction. At this point there will be yet another massive detour.



This requires a substantial scramble up the hillside and a tricky traverse about 30 feet above the prior embankment. At one point, a rope dangles from a log presumably to help hikers descend. The blue arrows continue to ascend and surmount the blockage by climbing over it. Another 0.25 miles further, the trail leads to the mouth of Ripple Creek, which is a major tributary flowing in from the South. The trail continues on for another mile before reaching Tunnel 31. This mile between Ripple Creek and Tunnel 31 proves to be full of detours, bushwhacks and strenuous hiking.

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